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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States general imports, unadjusted for seasonal variation, from $1,366.5 million in December to $1,116.7 million in January,[1,2] reflected lower levels of imports from all areas as follows: Western Europe, from $382.5 to $250.9 million; Latin American Republics, from $288.9 to $243.6 million; Canada, from $295.7 to $282.5 million; and "all other countries," from $399.4 to $339.7 million.

The Bureau also reported that from December 1962 to January 1963 imports from O.E.C.D. countries in Europe fell from $369.9 to $243.2 million and those from sterling area countries from $245.4 to $184.3 million. Imports from all continents decreased during the period.

The drop in imports from Europe, from $388.6 million in December 1962 to $256.3 million in January 1963 resulted primarily from decreases in imports from individual countries of this continent as follows: West Germany, from $92.2 to $61.8 million; United Kingdom, from $72.6 to 54.0 million; Italy, from $40.5 to $23.9 million; France, from $31.8 to $19.3 million; Belgium and Luxembourg, from $28.3 to $16.7 million; Switzerland, from $21.4 to $13.5 million; Sweden, from $17.1 to $9.3 million; and Netherlands, from $15.6 to $8.7 million. Decreases in imports from Brazil, from $56.7 to $25.4 million; Colombia, from $19.5 to $12.0 million; and Argentina, from $10.8 to $5.9 million; accounted for the drop in imports from South America, from $210.2 to $167.0 million. The decrease in imports from Africa, from $66.0 to $42.3 million, was mainly due to decreases in imports from Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, from $15.1 to $1.0 million; Republic of South Africa, from $16.9 to $11.2 million; British East Africa and Tanganyika, from $6.3 to $2.4 million; and Angola, from $4.8 to $2.2 million. These decreases, however, were partly offset by an increase in imports from British West Africa and Sierra Leone, from $0.1 to $5.6 million. Imports from Asia declined from $236.7 to $214.1 million as decreases in imports from the Republic of the Philippines, from $27.6 to $13.8 million; India, from $22.5 to $16.5 million; Taiwan (Formosa), from $7.9 to $3.3 million; and Republic of Indonesia, from $11.0 to $7.6 million; were partly offset by an advance in imports from Japan, from $98.1 to $109.3 million.

Imports from Australia and Oceania fell from $40.9 to $22.1 million owing chiefly to decreases in imports from Australia, from $30.8 to $16.1 million; and New Zealand and Western Samoa, from $9.5 to $5.8 million. The decline in imports from North America, from $423.1 to $413.2 million, reflected decreases in imports from Canada, from $295.7 to $282.5 million (as noted above) and Guatemala, from $14.3 to $8.1 million, which were partly offset by increases in imports from Netherlands Antilles, from $23.8 to $28.1 million and El Salvador, from $1.3 to $5.6 million.

[1] The Bureau of the Census does not have adequate information to measure the effect of the dock strike (which began midnight December 23 and continued through January 25, 1963) on the statistics.

[2] On a seasonally-adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at $1,093.2 million in January as compared to $1,371.9 million in December. (See the January 1963 issue of Report No. FT 900-I.) Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading, or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data (i.e. formal entries valued under $100 and all informal entries valued under $250), and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all import entries. The probable variability due to sampling is either less than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than 1 percent of the individual totals shown.

In addition to the effects of sampling variation, and the difficulties described above under COUNTRY DEFINITION, monthly import statistics are subject to some error from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Reports No. FT 110 and FT 120. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: JANUARY 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Data revised to reflect all corrections published with the statistics through those for December 1962. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Continent and country[1]	January 1963	December 1962	January 1962	Monthly average 1962
Total trade	1,116.7	1,366.5	1,367.7	1,365.6
Western Europe	250.9	382.5	372.5	378.5
Canada	282.5	295.7	274.7	304.7
Latin American Republics	243.6	288.9	323.1	282.2
All other countries	339.7	399.4	397.4	400.2
O.E.C.D. countries in Europe	243.2	369.9	363.8	369.0
Sterling area countries	184.3	245.4	250.9	249.7
North America	413.2	423.1	420.3	428.0
Greenland	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	282.5	295.7	274.7	304.7
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands	(*)	.....	(*)	(*)
Mexico[a]	49.6	49.6	60.7	48.2
Guatemala[a]	8.1	14.3	7.6	5.2
British Honduras[b]	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
El Salvador[a]	5.6	1.3	4.1	3.7
Honduras[a]	1.7	1.7	3.0	2.7
Nicaragua[a]	3.0	1.4	2.6	2.3
Costa Rica[a]	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.3
Republic of Panama[a]	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.9
Canal Zone	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.4
Bermuda[b]	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5
Bahamas[b]	1.1	0.5	1.2	0.9
Cuba[a]	(*)	(*)	3.7	0.6
Jamaica[b]	9.1	8.8	5.2	8.4
Haiti[a]	1.1	2.4	1.7	2.0
Dominican Republic[a]	6.3	9.3	12.5	12.8
Leeward and Windward Islands[b]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Barbados[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago[b]	11.0	8.3	6.5	7.1
Netherlands Antilles	28.1	23.8	30.8	22.3
French West Indies	0.3	(*)	0.2	0.5
South America	167.0	210.2	226.7	204.1
Colombia[a]	12.0	19.5	17.9	22.9
Venezuela[a]	89.2	90.3	92.8	81.3
British Guiana[b]	1.8	2.7	2.0	1.9
Surinam	2.1	3.3	2.4	2.7
French Guiana	...	...	(*)	(*)
Ecuador[a]	4.7	6.1	4.6	5.9
Peru[a]	12.5	9.8	14.9	15.9
Bolivia[a]	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
Chile[a]	11.3	7.6	25.1	15.9
Brazil[a]	25.4	56.7	54.6	45.1
Paraguay[a]	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.6
Uruguay[a]	1.2	1.8	3.5	2.0
Argentina[a]	5.9	10.8	7.1	8.8
Falkland Islands[b]	...	...	...	...
Europe	256.3	388.6	380.0	385.3
Iceland[b,c,d]	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.0
Sweden[c,d]	9.3	17.1	15.9	14.2
Norway[c,d]	6.6	7.6	7.3	8.8
Denmark[c,d]	6.9	10.0	12.1	9.8

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: JANUARY 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country[1]	January 1963	December 1962	January 1962	Monthly average 1962
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom[b,c,d]	54.0	72.6	82.0	83.7
Ireland (Eire)[b,c,d]	3.9	3.0	3.7	3.1
Netherlands[c,d]	8.7	15.6	14.3	18.4
Belgium and Luxembourg[c,d]	16.7	28.3	34.6	32.2
France[c,d]	19.3	31.8	42.4	35.7
West Germany[c,d]	61.8	92.2	67.6	80.1
East Germany	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3
Austria[c,d]	2.6	3.1	3.5	4.3
Czechoslovakia	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.8
Hungary	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Switzerland[c,d]	13.5	21.4	13.5	18.9
Finland[c]	4.5	5.3	4.6	5.0
Estonia	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	...	(*)
Poland and Danzig	3.7	3.8	4.5	3.8
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	0.4	1.0	1.3	1.3
Azores	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Spain[c,d]	5.4	7.6	7.4	7.5
Portugal[c,d]	1.9	2.4	4.1	4.1
Gibraltar[b]	...	...	(*)	(*)
Malta and Gozo[2,b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Italy[c,d]	23.9	40.5	32.4	37.7
Free Territory of Trieste[c,d]	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia[c]	3.2	7.3	4.1	4.5
Albania	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece[c,d]	1.3	2.4	4.9	2.2
Rumania	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Bulgaria	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Turkey[c,d]	6.5	13.3	17.3	7.3
Cyprus[2,b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Asia	214.1	236.7	243.9	247.1
Syrian Arab Republic[3]	0.1	0.3	1.5	0.4
Lebanon	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	0.3	1.6	1.1	0.8
Iran (Persia)	4.5	5.9	3.3	4.9
Israel	3.5	3.0	4.2	3.4
Palestine	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan[b]	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Kuwait[b]	3.7	4.0	8.0	7.3
Saudi Arabia	5.7	6.0	6.7	5.6
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	1.5	3.4	1.3	1.9
Aden[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrein[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Afghanistan	4.0	3.5	0.3	1.2
India[b]	16.5	22.5	21.0	21.3
Goa, Damao and Diu[4]	...	...	...	...
Pakistan[b]	2.0	3.1	4.4	3.5
Nepal	...	...	...	(*)
Ceylon[b]	1.9	2.8	2.7	2.8
Burma[b]	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	3.1	3.5	4.5	3.3
Viet-Nam	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.3
Laos	...	(*)	...	(*)
Cambodia	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4
Federation of Malaya[b]	15.2	14.8	16.0	15.6
State of Singapore; British Borneo[b]	1.1	0.7	3.4	1.2
Republic of Indonesia	7.6	11.0	12.9	11.2
Republic of the Philippines	13.8	27.6	20.7	27.3
Macao (Macau)	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.3

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Continent and country[1]	January 1963	December 1962	January 1962	Monthly average 1962
Asia—Continued				
North Korea	...	...	...	(*)
Republic of Korea	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.9
Hong Kong[b]	14.6	14.0	17.3	14.3
Taiwan (Formosa)	3.3	7.9	3.5	4.7
Japan	109.3	98.1	107.6	113.1
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8
Australia and Oceania	22.1	40.9	32.4	36.6
Australia[b]	16.1	30.8	22.8	24.2
New Guinea[b]	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
New Zealand and Western Samoa[5,b]	5.8	9.5	9.1	11.7
British Western Pacific Islands[b]	(*)	0.3	0.3	0.4
French Pacific Islands	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	...	(*)	(*)	0.1
Africa	42.3	66.0	64.1	63.2
Morocco	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.9
Algeria	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.4
Tunisia	(*)	0.3	(*)	0.1
Libya[b]	1.8	2.8	(*)	1.0
United Arab Republic (Egypt)	0.2	1.2	0.8	2.1
Sudan	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6
Canary Islands	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.	...	...	...	(*)
Federal Republic of Cameroon[6]	(*)	(*)	0.6	0.6
Western Equatorial Africa, n.e.c.	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.5
Western Africa, n.e.c.	5.9	2.9	5.3	3.3
Ghana[b]	1.7	1.1	7.3	5.2
Federation of Nigeria[7,b]	1.0	1.6	1.8	4.0
British West Africa and Sierra Leone[8,b]	5.6	0.1	3.2	0.8
Madeira Islands	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3
Angola	2.2	4.8	3.3	3.2
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Liberia	2.0	3.6	3.3	2.6
Republic of the Congo	2.5	3.3	3.1	4.0
Somali Republic	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	1.0	0.8	1.4	2.5
French Somaliland	...	...	(*)	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies[b]	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies[b]	(*)	1.4	0.1	0.2
British East Africa and Tanganyika[9,b]	2.4	6.3	3.0	4.8
Mozambique	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.5
Malagasy Republic	1.7	1.2	0.5	1.3
Republic of South Africa[10,b]	11.2	16.9	27.9	21.4
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b]	1.0	15.1	0.5	2.5
Unidentified Continents[11]	1.8	1.1	0.4	1.2
Unidentified Countries[11]	1.8	1.1	0.4	1.2

[a]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]O.E.C.D. (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in Europe. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. [2]"Malta and Gozo" and "Cyprus" shown separately beginning January 1962. For periods prior to January 1962, data on imports from Cyprus are included in the figures shown for "Malta and Gozo." [3]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly United Arab Republic (Syria Region). [4]Effective with the statistics for July 1962, the country designation "Portuguese Asia, N.E.C.", comprising Goa, Damao, Diu and Portuguese Timor became obsolete. Beginning with the September 1962 issue of this report, data for Goa, Damao, and Diu are shown separately while data for Portuguese Timor are included, along with data for other countries, in the figures for "Southern and Southeastern Asia, N.E.C." Revisions, correcting the July and August 1962 statistics for the individual countries involved, will appear in the December 1962 errata. [5]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly New Zealand. [6]Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Cameroun combined with Southern Cameroons. Data shown for prior periods represent exports to Cameroun only. [7]Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Nigeria combined with former Northern Cameroons. The data shown for prior periods represent exports to Nigeria including the former Cameroons (Northern and Southern). [8]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British West Africa, n.e.c. [9]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British East Africa. [10]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly Union of South Africa. [11]Countries which could not be identified because of illegible reporting on import entries for low-value shipments.